

To the City Council of Honolulu

Regarding resolution 06-015

Concerning the "Woods at Ahumanu" subdivision.

I ask the council to urge the Department of Health to hold a public hearing on the application for a section 401 water quality certification by the developer of "The Woods at Ahuimanu" development in Kahalu'u.

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I live in the 4700 block of Ahuimanu Loop some 600 yards from the proposed subdivision. I am very concerned about the water run off from this subdivision during heavy rains. The proposed development is just above Ahuimanu stream & the fact that the developer is installing septic tanks (two per unit) has me very concerned. I do not think that the issue of the leech field has been fully addressed. In this area we receive much more rain than most parts of Oahu. The soil is hard like clay & very condensed.

I assume that Ahuimanu stream flows within several feet of the septic leech field & I am afraid that pollutants will seep from the ground into the stream & flow to the ocean. We get heavy rains due to the fact that we are right up against the mountain & because of our hard soil the ground reaches a saturation point very quickly. With the saturation problem our roads flood. During heavy rain the area in question is probably the worst. The water run off from upper Ahuimanu Road is very strong & flows right to the proposed development. With two new streets added to the mix I can only imagine the water run off in the future. The developer has said that a 10 X 24 foot culvert will be built to support the flow of water. I do not understand the size of this culvert. How deep will this culvert be? Where does the water that is held in the culvert end up? In the stream? When the rains come, the dirt, rocks & trash that are in the street flow down hill. Will the culvert trap this, then dump it into the stream or will it just become a muddy bog? These are just a few of the many questions that I feel need to be addressed.

I again ask the council to urge the DOH to hold a public hearing on the concerns of the people who live in this area so that we may better understand & have a chance to comment on this issue.
Thank You.

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